

AMENDMENTS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a first network resource access to a second network resource, comprising:

~~receiving-profile-data;~~
~~generating temporary credentials for accessing the second network resource using the profile data; and~~
~~providing the first network resource with the temporary credentials.~~
locating a profile using profile data obtained from a client device, the profile containing data for identifying and for accessing the second network resource;
supplying the profile to the second network resource;
receiving, from the second network resource, temporary credentials for accessing the second network resource and generated according to the profile; and
providing the first network resource with the temporary credentials so that the first network resource can provide the second network resource with the temporary credentials to access the second network resource on behalf of the client device.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the act of invalidating the temporary credentials following a termination event.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the termination event involves the lapse of a set time period.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein the termination event involves the first ~~server~~ network resource accessing the second ~~server~~ network resource.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~act of generating temporary credentials includes generating~~ temporary credentials that provide limited access to the ~~server~~ network resource.

6. (currently amended) A method for enabling an application server to accessing a data service, comprising:

the application server instructing a client to provide profile data to an identification service, the identification service having access to one or more profiles used to access one or more data services, the profile data identifying a particular profile;

the identification service locating the particular profile using the receiving profile data received from a client device, the profile containing data for identifying and for accessing the data service;

the identification service providing the profile to the data service;

the data service generating temporary credentials for accessing the data service identified by the particular profile; and

the application server obtaining the temporary credentials and providing assessing the data service using with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein the act of instructing the client includes providing a user interface that includes instructions to send profile data to the identification service, and sending the interface to the client.

8. (original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the act of instructing the client comprises redirecting the client to the identification service.

9. (original) The method of Claim 6, further comprising the act of invalidating the temporary credentials following a termination event.

10. (original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the act of generating temporary credentials comprises generating temporary credentials that provide limited access to the data service.

11. (currently amended) The method of Claim 6, ~~wherein the act of further comprising generating an interface includes~~ the application server generating a framed web page having a first frame and a second frame, ~~the method further comprising and providing, for the first frame, content for directing an application, and providing, for the second frame, content for selecting one or more electronic files managed by the data service identified by the specified~~ particular profile.

12. (currently amended) The method of Claim 11, ~~wherein the act of sending the profile data includes~~ further comprises the client sending a cookie identifying the particular profile upon opening the framed web page.

13. (currently amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the act of generating an interface includes generating an interface that includes instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, the method further comprising the client ~~and wherein the act of sending the profile data includes~~ requesting the web bug, the request including a cookie identifying the particular profile.

14. (currently amended) A method for enabling an application server to accessing a data service, comprising:

the application server receiving, from a client, a request to direct an application;
the application server instructing the client ~~device~~ to provide profile data to an identification service, the identification service having access to one or more profiles for identifying accessing one or more data services, the profile data identifying a particular profile;

the identification service providing the data service with the particular profile identified by receiving the profile data, the profile containing data for identifying and accessing the data service;

the data service using the profile to generate generating temporary credentials for accessing the data service identified by the particular profile; and

the application server providing accessing the data service using with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

15. (original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the act of instructing the client includes generating a user interface that includes instruction to send profile data to the identification service, and sending the interface to the client.

16. (original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the act of instructing the client comprises redirecting the client to the identification service.

17. (original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising the act of invalidating the temporary credentials following a termination event.

18. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the act of using the profile to generateing temporary credentials comprises generating temporary credentials that provide limited access to the data service.

19. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, further comprising the application server wherein ~~the act of generating an interface~~ includes generating a framed web page having a first frame and a second frame, the method further comprising providing, for the first frame, content for directing an application, and providing, for the second frame, content for selecting one or more electronic files managed by the data service identified by the particular profile.

20. (currently amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein the act of generating the framed web page includes generating a framed web page that includes instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, and wherein the act instructing the client device of sending the profile data includes the client device requesting the web bug upon opening the framed web page, the request including a cookie identifying the specified particular profile.

21. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for:
~~receiving profile data;~~
~~using the profile data to generate temporary credentials for accessing a first server; and~~
~~providing a second server with the temporary credentials.~~
locating a profile using profile data obtained from a client device, the profile containing data for identifying and for accessing the second network resource;
supplying the profile to the second network resource;
receiving, from the second network resource, temporary credentials for accessing the second network resource and generated according to the profile; and
providing the first network resource with the temporary credentials so that the first network resource can provide the second network resource with the temporary credentials to access the second network resource on behalf of the client device.

22. (original) The medium of Claim 21, further having instructions for invalidating the temporary credentials following a termination event.

23. (original) The medium of Claim 22, wherein the termination event involves the lapse of a set period of time.

24. (original) The medium of Claim 22, wherein the termination event involves the first server accessing the second server.

25. (original) The medium of Claim 21, wherein ~~the instructions for generating temporary credentials include instructions for generating~~ temporary credentials that provide limited access to the second server.

26. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for:
instructing a client to provide profile data to an identification service, the identification service having access to one or more profiles used to access one or more data services, the profile data identifying a particular profile;

~~receiving the profile data;~~

locating the particular profile using the profile data obtained from the client, the profile containing data for identifying and for accessing the data service;

generating temporary credentials for accessing the data service identified by the particular profile; and

accessing providing the data service with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

27. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~30~~ 26, wherein the instructions for instructing the client include instructions for generating a user interface that includes instruction to send profile data to the identification service, and sending the interface to the client.

28. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~30~~ 26, wherein the instructions for instructing the client comprise instructions for redirecting the client to the identification service.

29. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~30~~ 26, wherein the instructions for generating temporary credentials comprise instructions for generating temporary credentials that provide limited access to the data service.

30. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~30~~ 26, having further instructions for wherein the instructions for generating an interface include instructions for generating a framed web page having a first frame and a second frame, ~~the medium comprising further instructions for~~ and providing, for the first frame, content for directing an application, and providing, for the second frame, content for selecting one or more electronic files managed by the accessed data service.

31. (original) The medium of Claim 30, wherein the instructions for generating the framed web page include instructions for generating a framed web page that includes instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, the request to include a cookie identifying the particular profile.

32. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for:
generating an interface having user accessible controls for creating a profile for accessing a data service;

creating a profile according to selections made through the interface the profile containing data for identifying and accessing the data service;

providing a client device with profile data identifying a created profile;

upon receiving profile data, retrieving a profile identified by the profile data received;

generating temporary credentials for accessing the data service identified by the retrieved profile; and

providing an application server with the temporary credentials for accessing the data service on behalf of the client device.

33. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~36~~ 32, further comprising instructions for invalidating the temporary credentials following a termination event.

34. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~37~~ 33, wherein the termination event involves the lapse of a set time period.

35. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~37~~ 33, wherein the termination event involves accessing the data service.

36. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~36~~ 32, wherein the instructions for generating temporary credentials comprise instructions for generating temporary credentials that provide limited access to the data service.

37. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~36~~ 32, wherein the instructions for providing a client device with profile data comprise instructions for generating a cookie containing data identifying the created profile and instructing a web browser operating on the client device to save the cookie.

38. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for:
generating a profile interface having user accessible controls for creating a profile for locating and accessing a data service;

creating a profile according to selections made through the profile interface, the profile containing data for identifying and accessing the data service;

providing a client device with profile data identifying a created profile;

receiving a request to access an application;

instructing a client to send profile data;

receiving the profile data;

retrieving a profile identified by the profile data;

generating temporary credentials for accessing a data service identified by the retrieved profile; and

providing accessing the data service with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

39. (currently amended) The medium of Claim 38, wherein the instructions for instructing the client include instructions for generating a user interface that includes

instruction to send profile data to the identification service, and sending the interface to the client.

40. (currently amended) The medium of Claim 38, wherein the instructions for instructing the client comprise instructions for redirecting the client to the identification service.

41. (original) The medium of Claim 38, wherein the instructions for generating temporary credentials comprise instructions for generating temporary credentials that provide limited access to the data service.

42. (currently amended) The medium of Claim 38, wherein the instructions for generating an interface include having further instructions for generating a framed web page having a first frame and a second frame, the medium having further instructions for providing, for the first frame, content for directing the application, and providing, for the second frame, content for selecting one or more electronic files managed by the accessed data service.

43. (currently amended) The medium of Claim ~~38~~ 42, wherein the instructions for providing a client device with profile data comprise instructions for providing the client device with a cookie, and wherein the instructions for generating the framed web page include instructions for generating a framed web page that includes instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, the request to include the cookie.

44. (currently amended/original) A system for providing a first server with access to a second server, comprising: an identification service in network communication with a credential module, the credential module operable to use a profile acquired by the identification service to generate temporary credentials for accessing the second server, the identification service being operable to receive profile data from a client, to acquire a profile identified by the profile data, and to provide the first server with the

temporary credentials generated by the credential module, the credential module and the identification, together being operable to provide the first server with the temporary credentials enabling the first server to provide the second server with the credentials to access the second server on behalf of the client.

45. (original) The system of Claim 44, wherein the credential module is further operable to invalidate the temporary credentials following a termination event.

46. (original) The system of Claim 45, wherein the termination event involves the lapse of a set time period.

47. (original) The system of Claim 45, wherein the termination event involves the first server accessing the second server.

48. (original) The system of Claim 44, wherein the credential module is further operable to generate temporary credentials that provide limited access to the second server.

49. (currently amended) A system for accessing a data service comprising:
an identification service operable to receive profile data from a client identifying a particular profile and to provide that profile, the profile to contain electronic data used to identify the data service;

a credential module operable to obtain the profile from the identification service, generate temporary credentials, and map those credentials to the data service identified by the profile; and

an application server operable to serve an interface containing instructions to send profile data to the identification service, to obtain the temporary credentials, and to access provide the data service with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

50. (original) The system of Claim 49, wherein the credential module is further operable to invalidate the temporary credentials following a termination event.

51. (original) The system of Claim 49, further comprising:

an application content provider in communication with the application server and operable to generate content for directing an application; and

a data content provider in communication with the application server and operable to generate content for selecting electronic files managed by the accessed data service.

52. (original) The system of Claim 51, wherein the application server is operable to create the interface in the form of a framed web page having a first frame for displaying the content generated by the application content provider and a second frame for displaying the content generated by the data content provider, the framed web page also including instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, the request to include the profile data.

53. (original) The system of Claim 51, further comprising a web browser operable to request and display the interface in the form of the framed web page and to request the web bug providing the profile data to the identification service.

54. (currently amended) A system for accessing a data service comprising:
an identification service operable to generate a profile interface having user accessible controls for creating a profile containing electronic data used to identify the data service, to create a profile using selections made through the profile interface, to issue instructions to store profile data used to access the created profile, to receive, from a client, profile data identifying a particular profile, and to provide that profile;
a credential module operable to obtain the profile from the identification service, generate temporary credentials, and map those credentials to the data service identified by the profile; and

an application server operable to serve an application interface that includes instructions to send profile data to the identification service, to obtain the temporary credentials, and to access provide the data service with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client.

55. (original) The system of Claim 54, wherein the credential module is further operable to invalidate the temporary credentials following a termination event.

56. (original) The system of Claim 54, further comprising:

an application content provider in communication with the application server and operable to generate application content for directing an application; and

a data content provider in communication with the application server and operable to generate data content for selecting electronic files managed by the accessed data service.

57. (original) The system of Claim 56, wherein the application server is operable to create the application interface in the form of a framed web page having a first frame for displaying the content generated by the application content provider and a second frame for displaying the content generated by the data content provider, the framed web page also including instructions to request a web bug from the identification service, the request to include the profile data.

58. (original) The system of Claim 54, further comprising a browser operable to request and display the profile and application interfaces.

59. (currently amended) A system for accessing data, comprising:

a means for generating a profile interface having user accessible controls for creating a profile containing electronic data used to identify a particular data service;

a means for creating a profile using selections made through the profile interface;

a means for issuing instructions to store profile data used to access the created profile;

a means for receiving, from a client, profile data identifying a particular profile;

a means for providing the particular profile;

a means for generating temporary credentials;

a means for mapping the temporary credentials to the data service identified by the provided profile;

a means for serving an application interface that includes instructions to send profile data to the identification service;

a means for ~~access~~ providing the data service with the temporary credentials to access the data service on behalf of the client; and

a means for invalidating the temporary credentials.